—Goa gauge conversion project. The expenditure for part of the project is not maintained separately.

Rail Yatri Niwas in A.P.

4402. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of railway guest houses/Yatri Niwas presently functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to construct more Yatri Niwas in the State to promote tourism there; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) At present no Rail Yatri Niwas facilities are available in Andhra Pradesh. There are three locations *viz.* Secunderabad, Tirupati and Warangal identified for provision of Budget Hotels/Rail Yatri Niwas in this State.

Renigunta-Alipri extension rail line

4403. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthnam (TTD) and the Railway authorities had discussed plans for laying an extension line from Renigunta railway station to Alipri junction, at the foot of the Tirumala hills, with financial assistance from the TTD;

(b) if so whether any agreement in this regard has been signed;

(c) what is the total cost of expenditure to be involved;

(d) to what extent the TTD has agreed to provide financial assistance; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A paper study to assess the feasibility of providing a line has been done. However, as no formal request in this regard from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) authorities was received, no further action could be taken.